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Sheehan Cites Charges of Infiltration

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Washington, April 1—Rep. Sheehan (R., Ill.) today requested a congressional investigation of charges the central intelligence agency has been infiltrated by Communists.

Sheehan's demand came as the house debated and passed a bill authorizing the appointment of a deputy director of central intelligence, either civilian or military, to act for the director, now Allen Dulles, in his absence.

The senate later passed the bill in lieu of legislation it approved March 18, sending it to the White House. It was stated during debate that President Eisenhower intends to appoint Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell of the air force to the new post.

Chairman Praises Speech

Sheehan called attention to criticism of military intelligence operations during World War II and charges that Russian sympathizers in G-2 (military intelligence) were later employed by the CIA.

Chairman Short (R., Mo.) of the armed services committee commended Sheehan on his speech, and said:

"I would be less than frank if I didn't state that in the past our military intelligence has been the weakest link in our chain of national defense.

"No doubt some of these charges are true. We on the armed services committee are keeping in close touch and contact with what has been going on. We are being more fully informed today than previously."

On the Katyn testimony Short said, however, that the CIA has been doing a good job and he expects Dulles to do much to build and strengthen the agency.

Sheehan urged that the armed services committee investigate to determine whether the CIA has cleared out subversives and is doing the job Congress intended. He cited testimony before the select committee to investigate the Katyn forest massacre, of which he was a member, during the last Congress.

"We held hearings wherein we questioned former members of army intelligence in an effort to locate the missing Van Vliet report on the Katyn massacre," Sheehan said. "During this testimony we naturally sought to find out if there were any pro-Russian or communist influence in the intelligence agency and to ascertain whether or not such influences could have been responsible for the disappearance of the Van Vliet report."

Russia Held Guilty

This report prepared by an American army officer in 1945 blamed Russia for killing 15,000

Polish war prisoners, despite willingness of the Roosevelt and Truman administration to accept Russian charges that the Nazis were guilty of the crime. The report mysteriously disappeared. The house committee unanimously held Russia guilty.

"From the testimony, there is no question that during World War II there was in G-2 a very distinct pro-Russian influence," Sheehan said.

"It was brought out in testimony that some of the people formerly in G-2 believed that these pro-Russians or Russian sympathizers entered the employ of the central intelligence agency when that agency was created in 1947. If that is the case, have these pro-Russians been weeded out from the CIA, or are they still there?"

He said the committee was told

by German authorities that CIA operations in Germany were infiltrated by Communists.

Urges Official Review

"It would seem to me," said Sheehan, "that a duty evolves upon the members of the armed services committee to check and find out whether or not the central intelligence agency has taken all possible precautions against subversion from within. Some sort of an official review should be made of the CIA to see that they are working efficiently and that they have sufficient security safeguards for keeping Communists and anti-Americans out of the agency."

He said it should be determined also whether the agency is serving its purpose as chief intelligence agency of the government or merely acting as an arm of the

executive branch to carry out its orders.

Sheehan cited the testimony of Gen. Clayton Bissell, war time head of army intelligence, that he accepted the terms of the secret Yalta agreement disposing of Poland and bringing Russia into the war against Japan as an order from President Roosevelt